

Appl. No. 09/759,672
Amdt. Dated September 20, 2004
Reply to Office action of June 18, 2004
Attorney Docket No. P12540-US1
EUS/JJP/04-2118

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1.) Claim Amendments

Claims 1-12 and 25-26 have been cancelled, and claims 27-38 have been added. Accordingly, claims 13-24 and 27-38 are pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

2.) Examiner Objections – Specification

The Examiner objected to the specification because of several informalities. The Applicant thanks the Examiner for his careful review of the specification. In response, the Applicant has amended the specification as suggested by the Examiner and to correct typographical errors. The Examiner's consideration of the amendments to the specification is respectfully requested.

3.) Examiner Objections – Drawings

The Examiner objected to Figures 2, 6 and 7. Proposed corrections to the drawings are shown on the enclosed sheets (3); the change to Figure 2 deletes the reference 230 and associated text and arrow, and the changes to Figures 6 and 7 correct typographical errors in blocks 660 and 760, respectively, and the addition of a flow reference between those blocks and blocks 610 and 710, respectively. The corrections to the drawings bring them into conformance with the text of the specification. The Examiner's approval of the drawing changes is respectfully requested.

4.) Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the allowance of claims 13-24. All other claims have been cancelled, and new claims 27-38 have been added. Whereas claims 27-38 are method claims and recite limitations analogous to those of the system claims 13-24, those claims are also allowable in view of the references of record. The

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Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Examiner issue a Notice of Allowance for claims 13-24 and 27-38.

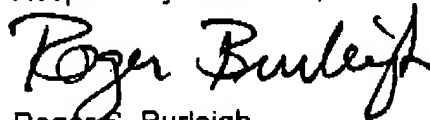
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicant believes all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for claims 13-24 and 27-38.

The Applicant requests a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

Respectfully submitted,



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